

A-Z *Guide To* **Clinton Township** AND ANNUAL **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Clinton Township, Michigan

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A Message To Our Community

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the employees of Clinton Township, I want to wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year. We are fortunate to have a dedicated staff that works daily to provide you, our customer, with the quality services you deserve and expect. With a newly-elected township Board now in place, we can all look forward to projects that move this community forward over the next four years and beyond. Your elected township officials are listed with photographs on page 7 of this publication.

Oftentimes there are events that occur in a community that are beyond anyone's control. A recent example is the collapse of a main sewer line on 15 Mile Road in Sterling Heights. Communities cannot control these events, but must be ready to respond quickly and expertly to mitigate potential safety issues and damage to property. As businesses in the area patiently await the re-opening of 15 Mile, targeted for mid-2005, they have expressed appreciation for any reminders the township can give to their customers that they are open and welcoming patrons.

In the early 1990's the township Board established an emergency management coordinator position. Since its inception, Paul Brouwer has competently held the position in a part-time capacity. He along with the township's Communications Department assure public notice is broadcast on our cable TV network and our newly acquired AM radio station 1610 when the need to keep residents informed of emergency information arises. Please remember this in times of storms and heightened national security issues.

In addition, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners has prepared a detailed manual that can assist you in preparing for various types of disasters. You can receive a copy of the publication from the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management by phoning (586) 469-5270. Last year through a grant, the township also mailed a 16-page brochure that has excellent tips for personal and family emergency preparedness. If you did not receive one, you may pick-up a copy at the township Civic Center lobby.

I hope you have had an opportunity to see the township's new fire hall on Elizabeth Road north of Groesbeck Highway as well as the new fire hall under construction at Harrington Road and Gratiot Avenue.

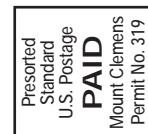
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From the desk of . . .

Robert J. Cannon

Clinton Township Supervisor



Charter Township of Clinton
40700 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Residential
Postal Customer

Clinton Township

Ambulance – Medstar Ambulance Service is available by dialing 911 at any time for emergency medical assistance and medical transportation service. Direct all other calls to (586) 468-6510.

Budget - Our Budget and Finance Department continues to provide the leadership, expertise and knowledge that is so important during these times of revenue sharing cuts from the state. For information on the township budget, contact the Budget and Finance Department.

Civic Center location, hours and holidays – The Civic Center, which houses the majority of government offices for Clinton Township, is located at 40700 Romeo Plank Road, south of Canal Road.



Business hours are 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The township offices are closed for New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day,

Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Community statistics – Clinton Township (28.1 square miles) is located in Macomb County (482 square miles), approximately 20 miles northeast of Detroit in southeast Michigan.

CTTV – The township's award-winning cable television station, Clinton Township Television (CTTV), is available to cable television subscribers within the township only. Comcast subscribers tune to Channel 5 and Wide Open west subscribers tune to Channel 10 for a variety of informative, entertaining and safety programming.

Departments of Clinton Township – Page 8 lists all township departments, with contact names and phone numbers.

Elections – The Clerk's Office Elections Division handles township-wide regular and special elections. To be eligible to vote in any election, persons must be registered 30 days prior to the election. Regular township elections take place every four years in even-numbered calendar years; city elections take place in odd-numbered years.

Fire Hydrants – It is the responsibility of businesses and homeowners to make certain that fire hydrants are clear of snow and debris on their property.

Grants – The Department of Planning and Community Development seeks out ongoing and one-time grant funding opportunities. One of the ongoing grants is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which is a federal grant that helps fund programs that directly benefit low- to moderate-income families. Applications are available in the Department of Planning and Community Development.

The township bike-hike path that will form a triangular shape from Canal Park to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library on Canal Road and down Clinton River Road to Frank Budd Park, and meeting up with the Metropolitan Parkway Bike Path is in the process of construction as grants are earmarked to fund this amenity for Clinton Township.

Hospitals – St. Joseph's West, 15855 19 Mile Road (west of Garfield), (586) 263-2300; St. Joseph's East, 215 North Avenue (at Parkview) in Mount Clemens (586) 466-9300; Mount Clemens General, 1000 Harrington (east of Groesbeck) (586) 493-8000.

Industrial Development – See pages 4 and 5.

Judicial system – Clinton Township is served by 41-B District Court in Clinton Township. The township is served at the circuit court level by the Macomb County Circuit Court, located in Mount Clemens.

Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist clubs – To be put in contact with representatives from community organizations, you may contact the Supervisor's Office at (586) 286-8000.

Libraries – Clinton Macomb Public Library main branch on Canal and Romeo Plank roads – (586) 226-5000; south branch on Gratiot, south of 16 Mile (586) 226-5070; north branch in Macomb Township on 24 Mile Road, west of Romeo Plank Road (586) 226-5080. Macomb County Public Library on Hall Road (586) 286-6660.

Master Plan – The township maintains a master plan that indicates land use throughout the community. The Department of Planning and Community Development has the master plan for viewing upon request.

Newsletters – Our township departments utilize available media to spread the word on activities, programs, procedures and events. Your comments are always welcome. - RJC

Officials – See page 7 for a complete listing and photographs of our township elected officials.

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Paths – Residents and business owners are reminded to keep pedestrian pathways (sidewalks) clear of snow, ice and debris on their properties. It is, by ordinance, the responsibility of the property owner to do so.

Quality of life - with a variety of parks, recreational programs for all ages, senior citizens activities, its own Senior Center, cable television and radio stations, advanced safety services and helpful civil servants, Clinton Township is at the center of a quality life with a multitude of amenities available to all.

Recycling – Clinton Township's 15-year old curbside recycling program continues to save trees and the environment, thanks to residents who recycle. The Department of Public Works (DPW) has pamphlets with simple guidelines on how to recycle. Additional bins are available for a fee.

SMART bus transportation – The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) provides both connector service and large bus fixed route transportation. Call SMART for route information at (586) 463-8603. The Senior Center Bus Service utilizes two small busses provided to Clinton Township by SMART. Call (586) 286-9476 for scheduling information.

Taxes – The 2004 Winter Tax bills for the Charter Township of Clinton are now due and payable through February 28, 2005 without interest or penalty. This winter bill includes the following millages: township operating, police and fire, Clinton-Macomb Library, and county taxes. In addition, residents within the Clintondale and Fraser school districts have 50% of their school taxes scheduled on the winter bill. If you have not received your tax statement, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (586) 286-9313.

Township Board Meetings – Agenda items are due at the Clerk's Office 10 days prior to the board meeting. Board meetings are televised live on CTTV (Comcast Channel 5 and WOW Channel 10). Regular meetings of the township board take place every other Monday at the Civic Center on Romeo Plank Road.

Utilities - The township's main utility providers are Consumer's Energy, DTE Energy, Detroit Water and Sewerage and SBC phone service. Cable television providers are Comcast Cablevision (586) 978-8780

and Wide Open West (WOW) 1-866-4-WOW-NOW. Clinton Township Television (CTTV) is seen on Comcast Channel 5 and WOW Channel 10. The Cable TV and Communications Department is your liaison for problems with any broadband providers (cable, internet modem, other fiber) that cannot be resolved through the companies' customer service office. Broadband Subscriber's Report Line: (586) 723-8145.



Veterans – The township war memorial, located on the east side of the Civic Center building on Romeo Plank Road, honors township veterans, those missing in action, and deceased as a result of serving their country during wartime.

Plans are underway to honor Clinton Township veterans by

immortalizing their names through a Brick Paver Program at the War Memorial.

Beginning in January, for a small fee one can purchase a brick paver to honor those who have bravely served our country.

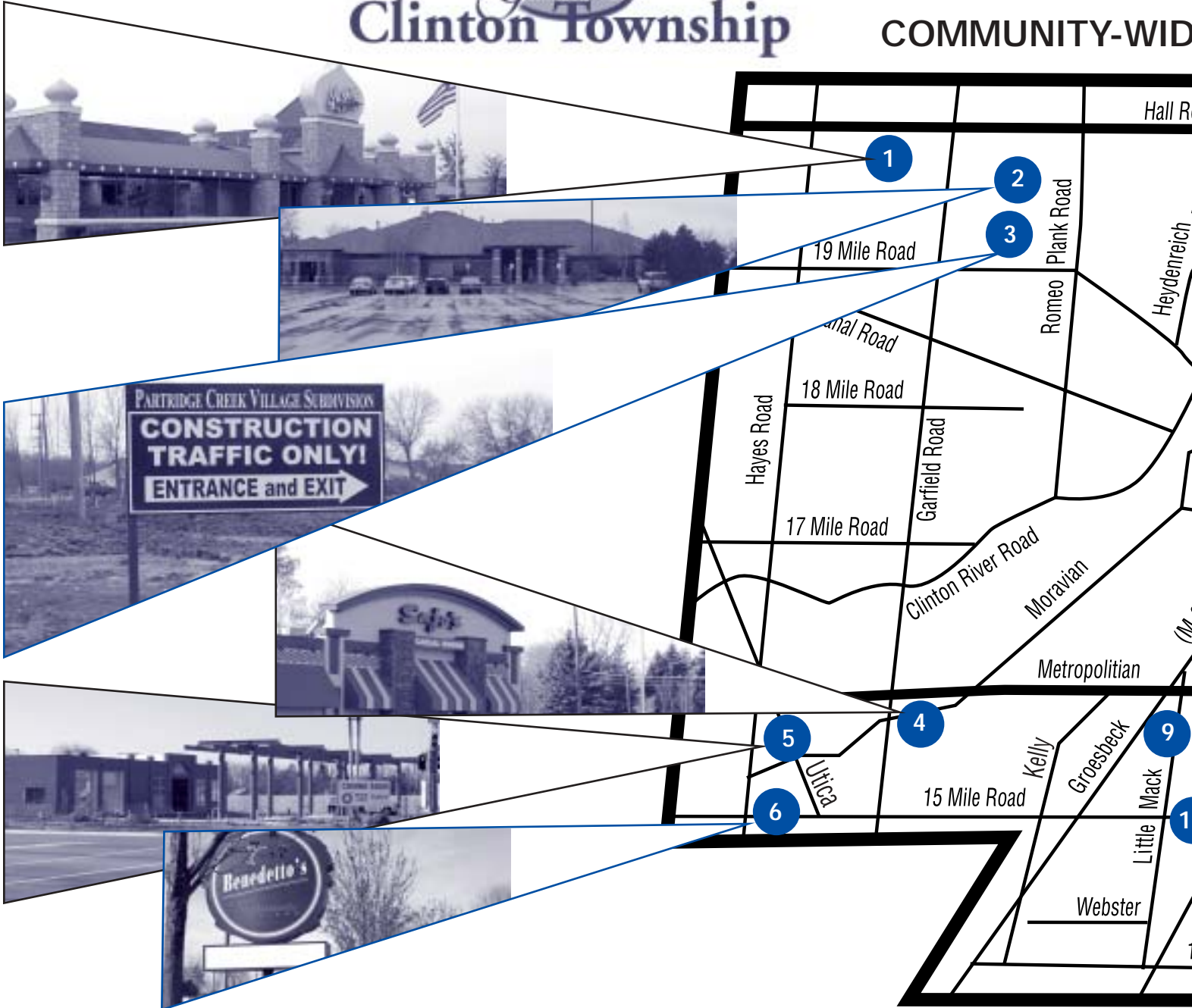
To purchase a brick or for more information, please contact the Trustees Office at 286-9366 or Public Works Superintendent George Westerman at 286-9465.

WPYD 1610AM – Clinton Township's FCC-licensed low power radio station is heard within roughly six miles of the Civic Center in every direction. Tune in for the latest weather, township announcements and road construction news.

Xerox copies of township records - There is a fee for copies of records requested from township departments. A number of township records are available on the township website.

Yasu Cho, Japan – The township commemorated ten years of the Sister City relationship with Yasu Cho, Japan, in 2003. The two towns share similarities such as a major river running through each community. Mary Ann Hosey in the Trustees office is the contact for this activity.

Zip codes - There are three zip codes in Clinton Township: 48038 for addresses north of the main branch of the Clinton River, and 48035 and 48036 for addresses south of the main branch of the Clinton River. Clinton Township did not have its own zip codes prior to 1990. Mailing addresses back then listed Mount Clemens, not Clinton Township.



1. **LaShish** on Hall Road is the eleventh restaurant in the popular Lebanese food restaurant chain. La Shish remodeled and moved into the old Mountain Jack's.

2. **Italian Cultural and Community Center** Finding a new location for the center became a top priority for the board of directors of the Italian American Cultural Society after selling the building in Warren to a charter school. The answer came when Partridge Creek Golf Course and Banquet Center on Romeo

Plank closed. The phone number for the Cultural Center remains the same: (586) 751-2855.

3. **Partridge Creek Subdivision** Construction has begun on the 360-lot, single-family subdivision planned for the former golf course along Romeo Plank and Hall roads.

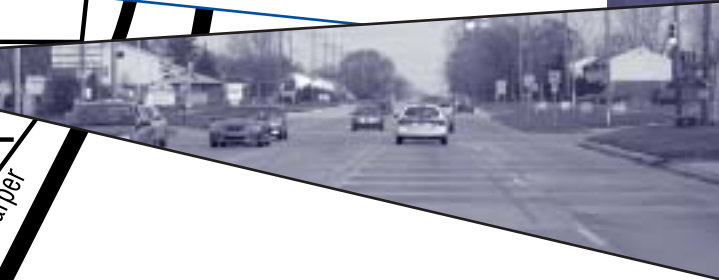
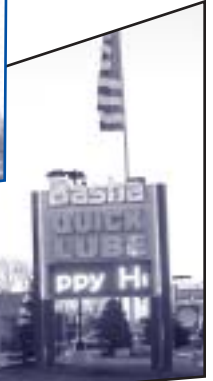
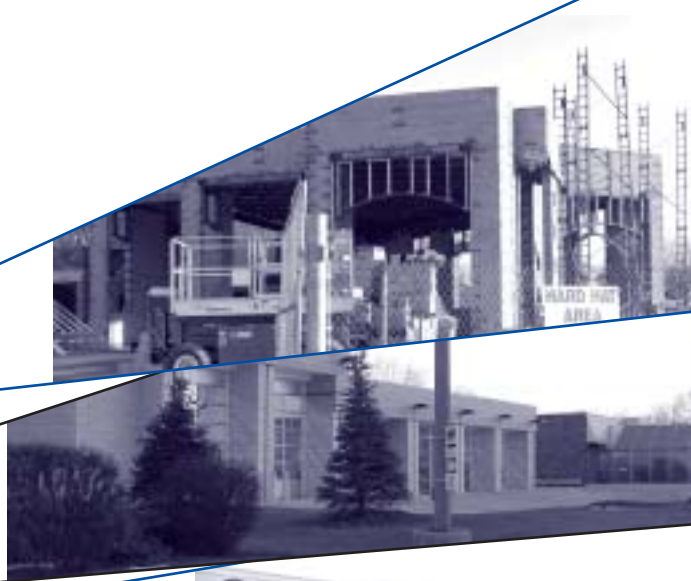
4. **Sajo's Restaurant** on Moravian Road, west of Garfield includes a piano bar and banquet area for parties, in a remodeled addition to the restaurant, featuring Mediterranean cuisine.

5. **Tubby's and Quick Lube** is being constructed at the southwest corner of Moravian and Utica roads.

6. **Businesses affected by the sinkhole** continue to await completion of repair to the sewer interceptor located 70 feet under 15 Mile Road, west of Hayes in Sterling Heights. The collapse caused a sinkhole that is 30 feet deep, 60 feet wide and 160 feet long. Commuters avoiding the area for lack of ability to get through are also denying business to the establishments

between Utica and Hayes roads. Salons, car washes, shops and restaurants are open and awaiting your patronage, including recently-remodeled **Benedetto's Restaurant**, pictured above. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department estimates that it will be summer before the road is passable again.

7. **Fire Station #5** opened last year and has been featured in *Fire Chief* magazine for fire station design. The Fire-Rescue-EMS Department held



an open house in the 16,200-square foot facility in October. It was attended by more than 3,000 residents, the most well-attended open house ever.

8. **Fire Station #1**, like Station 5, is being constructed with funds raised by a 1-mill tax increase that voters approved in 2002. The 10,000-square foot station is on Gratiot, south of Wellington Crescent. The original station was constructed in 1941 and was demolished in 2004 to make way for a new, modernized building in its place.
9. **Basha Car Wash and Quick Lube** was a redevelopment project along Groesbeck Highway that earned the owners an award at the Clinton Township Economic Development Corporation Annual Awards Breakfast.

10. **Baker College Campus Expansion** has taken place with the remodeling of the former Bill Lee Oldsmobile Dealership on the west side of Gratiot, south of 15 Mile. The campus features an Admissions and Welcome Center for this popular community college.

11. **15 Mile Road Completion** This major road expansion project was completed in phases and has created five lanes from Utica Road to Gratiot Avenue. Another major expansion was Garfield Road from 15 Mile to 16 Mile roads, also completed at the end of 2004. Federal funds will assist in the widening of Metropolitan Parkway from Utica to Harper, as well as Cass Avenue, with completion anticipated in 2006.

Organizations To Aid in Business and Industrial Development in Clinton Township

Central-Macomb County Chamber of Commerce
 Department of Planning and Community Development
 Economic Development Corporation
 Engineering Department
 Financial institutions
 Gratiot Downtown Development Authority
 Spalding DeDecker Associates civil engineering firm

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This latest station is replacing the township's original fire hall built in the 1940's on the same site. Both of these new stations are funded by the fire millage approved by voters a few years ago. These five stations along with the advanced life saving skills of our firefighters have greatly improved our ability to protect the residents of our community. We are fortunate that Clinton Township residents highly value these services through their support of millage for them.

This past summer, the opening of a time capsule that had been placed in the wall of the 63 year old fire station caused much excitement. The contents will be put on permanent display, most likely in the Historical Village on the grounds of the Civic Center. There are plans to take at least one item from that era and place it in a new time capsule to be buried at the station under construction on Harrington and Gratiot. See page 8 of this *Guide to Clinton Township* for more on the time capsule's historical contents.



I am pleased to report that Standard and Poor's Rating Service assigned its A+ rating and stable outlook to Clinton Township's series 2004 special assessment limited-tax bonds. The reason for the confidence in our community is stated in their report, but what stands out is Clinton Township's strong financial position and conservative managerial practices. The stable outlook reflects the expectation that despite the challenges of declining state shared revenues, stable economic trends and balanced financial operations will continue. This is good news for the township and its residents and can be credited to your Board of

Trustees working closely with our Budget and Finance Department.

Clinton Township is fortunate to have two growing colleges within its borders. Both Macomb Community College and Baker College of Clinton Township provide excellent choices for many of our residents. They also provide many jobs and support quality businesses because of the number of people using their facilities. Congratulations to Macomb Community College on celebrating its 50th anniversary of providing educational opportunities for so many thousands of people. We are blessed to have their Center Campus here in our community. Dr. Al Lorenzo, MCC president, and his staff continue to expand opportunities for all students, of all ages.



Top-notch businesses and institutions have proudly established themselves in Clinton Township. This *Guide to Clinton Township* spotlights many of them on pages 4 and 5. Often we forget that we have two first class hospitals with St. Joseph's Mercy and Mount Clemens General hospitals serving our needs. Important contact information for hospitals and other valuable resources are also contained within this annual report on pages 2 and 3.

Clinton Township continues to be an attractive community where more than 96,000 people make their homes, raise families and operate businesses. On behalf of the entire Clinton Township Board, I hope you enjoy all we have to offer. We wish you and yours all the best in 2005.

Proud to serve you,

Robert J. Cannon
Clinton Township Supervisor

Clinton Township



Township Supervisor
Robert J. Cannon

Mr. Cannon was elected township supervisor in 2000 and re-elected in 2004. From 1984 to 2000 he served as a township trustee.



Township Clerk
Dennis C. Tomlinson

Mr. Tomlinson was first elected township clerk in 1980 and has been re-elected, serving continuously in this capacity.



Township Treasurer
William J. Sowerby

Mr. Sowerby was first elected township treasurer in 1996, re-elected in 2000 and 2004.



Township Trustee
George Fitzgerald

Mr. Fitzgerald was elected to the township Board of Trustees as a trustee in 2000 and re-elected in 2004.



Township Trustee
Ernest O. Hornung

Mr. Hornung was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1994. He was later elected and re-elected to the position of trustee, most recently in 2004.

For those who are new to Clinton Township - welcome to our community!

Whether you are making your home here, building a business or visiting, as township supervisor I welcome you to Clinton Township. This annual guide and update from my office is meant to help you navigate our government offices and many community services as you get situated in your new surroundings. Feel free to contact my office at any time, and welcome to our township! - RJC

Governance

The township's government is a charter township in the state of Michigan. First chartered in 1989, this status allows for a seven-member board, consisting of three full-time and four part-time members. The full-time board members are:

Supervisor: Chairman of the Board and Chief Operating Officer/Administrator of the township's daily functions,

Clerk: Keeper of township meeting minutes and all township records, board meeting agenda and Chief Elections Officer,

Treasurer: Collection of taxes, maintenance of daily bank deposits and investments for the township.

Trustees: The part-time board members are responsible for township legislation and oversight of general operations.



Township Trustee
Dean Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds was elected to the Clinton Township Board in 2004 as a trustee.



Township Trustee
Jennifer "Joie" West

Mrs. West was elected to a trustee position on the Board in 2004.

BOARD MEETINGS

Clinton Township Board Meetings

6:30 p.m. Every Other Monday Civic Center

40700 Romeo Plank Road south of Canal Road

Agenda items are due at the Clerk's Office 10 days prior to the board meeting. Board meetings are televised live on Comcast Channel 5 and Wide Open West Channel 10, with closed captioning for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Board of Trustees

Supervisor

Robert J. Cannon

Clerk

Dennis C. Tomlinson

Treasurer

William J. Sowerby

Trustees

George Fitzgerald

Ernest O. Hornung

Dean Reynolds

Jenifer "Joie" West

Regular election of the members of the Clinton Township Board of Trustees takes place every four years, during even-numbered calendar years. The next election is in 2008. To be eligible to vote in upcoming elections, new township residents must register to vote at the Clerk's Office or at any Michigan Secretary of State office 30 days prior to the election.

Clinton Township History at a Glance

1941 Time Capsule

Inventory contained within "One Copper Box" found in the wall of old Fire Station 1 reveals a moment in history

Opened on Monday, August 16, 2004 at 10:15 a.m. at the relocated Old Moravian Hall on the grounds of the Clinton Township Civic Center in the Historical Village, the following items were found in the approximately 18" x 10" sealed container, which was carefully pried open before a crowd of curious onlookers: financial statement for Clinton Township on letterhead; 2 copies of the *Daily Monitor*; 1 copy of the Mount Clemens *Daily Leader*; 2 pages of Clinton Township Building or Zoning Code: "Construction of commercial henneries or rabbiteries are prohibited...etc"; An envelope marked: "Inclosed (sic) find pictures of officials for the township of Clinton on November 8, 1941, showing the start of the first township office building and fire hall to be erected in the township of Clinton, Macomb County."; picture of the township hall, Old Moravian Hall, taken at a Goodfellows function of 1940, with people standing



The 63-year old time capsule (on the right) was found in Fire Station 1 built in 1941.

outside; photograph of the laying of the cornerstone of the township hall of 1941 showing 18 dignitaries identified on the back. (Photograph was taken by the Henk Studio, Mt. Clemens); 3 copies of the "Official Directory Macomb County, Michigan 1941-1942", autographed by various township and county dignitaries; 4/5 of a quart (sealed and full) Bottle of Old Crow whiskey, autographed by dignitaries; 12 oz. bottle (seal broken, all contents evaporated -- empty) of Windsor Club Champagne; Little bell, gift enclosure silver bell written starts out... "This silver bell was w___ at silver wedding (?), by Otto Sherbeck Supervisor..." To the oldest member of the Board of Supervisors 20 years (?)" (difficult to see writing); also there was some odd tissue paper and ribbons. Some contents are on display in Fire Station 5, while the new Fire Station 1 is built. See the complete inventory at www.clintontownship.com.

Township Administrative Offices

(All phone numbers begin with area code 586.)

Civic Center address

40700 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, Michigan 48038
(586) 286-8000

Hours

M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor

Robert J. Cannon, 286-8000

Clerk

Dennis C. Tomlinson, 286-9422

Treasurer

William J. Sowerby, 286-9313

Trustees

George Fitzgerald, Ernest O. Hornung,
Dean Reynolds, Joie West, 286-9366

Police (Emergency 911)

Chief Al Ernst, 493-7800

Fire-Rescue-EMS (Emergency 911)

Chief John Murphy, 263-8437

Emergency Management

Paul Brouwer, Coordinator, 286-9343

Assessing

Paul Robinson, Assessor, 286-9468

Budget and Finance

Norm Troppens, Director, 286-9353

Building

John Codron, Superintendent, 286-9323

Cable TV and Communications

Linda Badamo, Director, 286-9316

Engineering

Mary Bednar, Engineer, 286-9387

Human Resources and

Employees Civil Service

Fred Wutzke and Nancy Schwenke,
Directors, 286-9341

Information Technology

Brian Moynihan, Director, 286-9434

Parks and Recreation

Linda Walter, Director, 286-9336

Planning and Community Development

Carlo Santia, Director, 286-9325

Public Works (DPW)

George Westerman, Superintendent,
286-9465

Senior Citizens

Kathleen Hickey, Administrative Director,
286-9333

Water and Sewer

Ken Jasinski, Superintendent, 286-9300

Water and Sewer After-Hours Emergency

296-0687

41-B District Court

Judge William H. Cannon, 286-8010

Residents help to fill positions on the following:

Bike Path Committee

Board of Appeals

Board of Review

Building Authority

Civil Service
Commission

Clinton-Macomb
Library Board

Communications
Committee

Conservation Committee

Cultural Diversity
Committee

Downtown Development
Authority

Economic Development
Corporation

False Alarm
Appeals Board

Fire-Police Civil Service
Commission

Historical Commission

Housing Commission

Parks and Recreation
Committee

Parks and Recreation
Teen Advisory Council

Planning Commission

RECREATE Committee

Road and Traffic Study
Committee

Senior Center Executive
Council

Yasu Cho Exchange
Committee

If you are interested in
serving or to inquire
about future available
openings, contact my
office at 286-8000. - RJC